may interest His Highness to know that I have declined all formal functions either of social or of an official character."

It seems difficult to reconcile the above statements with the accounts that have appeared in the "Daily Post" and "The Hindu", of what actually took place during your recent tour in the Districts. Cuttings from those papers are enclosed for your perusal.

His Highness would like to know how far the Madras Government have sanctioned the Dewan's attending social functions as mentioned in para 5 of the letter under reply.

As regards the second para of your letter; I am to say that your predecessors never accepted any caskets without the special permission of His Highness, as the enclosed copies of correspondence will show.

You say that "if any instructions were necessary, they should have been issued at that time to save any possible misunderstanding or a wrong procedure on my part." I am to observe that omission ~~on the part of His Highness~~ to draw your attention to the rules bearing on the conduct of Public Servants, rules which every official is presumed to know, hardly constitutes a reasonable ground for protest in the present instance.

I am at the same time to explain that His Highness is not averse to the Dewan taking part in social functions. Indeed, he feels that the more ~~fully~~ he mixes with officials and non-officials during his tours, and the more he comes in contact with them, the better it is for all concerned. Nor is His

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RULES FOR THE CIRCULATION OF CASES TO THE EXTRA MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

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The following rules are laid down for the submission and circulation of cases to the Extra Member of Council:-

Dr.Brajendranath Seal as Extra Member of Council will hold charge of the Education portfolio and all cases of the Education Department will be submitted to him under the Rules of Business.

He will attend all meetings of the Council in which Educational subjects are included in the Agenda, and also other meetings of the Council at Bangalore and Mysore, whenever he happens to be at these places.

The Agenda of all meetings of the Council will be circulated to him for information.

Only Education files need be circulated to the Extra Member of Council.

The Dewan will however have the discretion to ask him to attend any meeting in which large questions of other Departments are discussed, in which case, files relating to these questions will also be circulated to him.

The Dewan will continue to be in charge of the University portfolio, and files relating to it need not be circulated to ~~him~~ Ra Extra Member.

~~*The Extra Member will be given a Personal Assistant and a Stenographer.*~~

Copies of the proceedings of the Council meetings at which the Extra Member is not present, will be submitted to him after each meeting, for information.